Braley Introduced Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 2010

Washington, DC - Congressman Bruce Braley (D-Iowa) released the following statement today after the House Energy and Commerce Committee passed the *Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 2010* (HR 5381)

by a vote of 31-21. Braley introduced the bill with Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Henry Waxman (D-CA), as well as Reps. John Dingell (D-MI), Bobby Rush (D-IL) and Bart Stupak (D-MI).

" Today we had the opportunity to pass one of the most important pieces of auto safety legislation in American history, " Braley said. " After numerous auto recalls that have been hamstrung by a deficiency of transparency and a lack of investigative resources at our government agencies, this bill finally gives American consumers the comfort to know that when they take their kids to school in the morning, the government is taking the necessary action and has the resources it needs to ensure our motor vehicles are safe. While we still have a lot of work to do, this is an important first step and I look forward to continuing to work on this critical issue with my colleagues. "

The bill aims to improve auto safety and strengthen the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration by increasing the agency's expertise in vehicle electronics and requiring new safety standards for cars run largely by electronic systems; increasing transparency and accountability in auto safety; and providing additional funding to the agency for its vehicle safety mission.

More information on the Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 2010 is available here .